

Claim Amendments

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing combustion related deposits in a diesel engine ~~operating a diesel engine, and/or a vehicle which is driven by a diesel engine,~~ said method comprising introducing into a combustion chamber of the engine a diesel fuel composition incorporating a Fischer-Tropsch derived gas oil, thereby in an amount that reduces ~~reducing~~ subsequent combustion related deposits in the engine and/or removing previously incurred combustion related deposits in the engine.

5. (Previous Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the diesel fuel composition further comprises a detergent.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) A method for assessing the performance of a candidate diesel fuel composition, comprising the steps of:

- 1) measuring the level of combustion related deposits in a diesel engine running on a standard diesel fuel composition, which standard fuel composition contains no, or less than 1% w/w of, Fischer-Tropsch derived gas oils;
- 2) subjecting the engine to a first test cycle running on the standard fuel composition;
- 3) measuring the level of combustion related deposits in the engine after the first test cycle;
- 4) calculating the increase in deposits during the first test cycle;

- 5) subjecting the engine to a second test cycle running on the candidate diesel fuel composition;
- 6) measuring the level of combustion related deposits in the engine after the second test cycle;
- 7) calculating the increase in deposits, if any, during the second test cycle; and
- 8) if applicable, calculating the extent of removal of deposits during the second test cycle.

8. (Previously Presented) A diesel fuel composition which, when used as the candidate fuel composition in the method of claim 7, leads to removal of at least 5% of the combustion related deposits accumulated in the engine prior to step 5 of the test, when the duration of the second test cycle is the same as or less than that of the first test cycle.

9. (Previously Presented) A diesel fuel composition comprising a major proportion of a fuel or fuel blend for an internal combustion engine of the compression ignition type, wherein the fuel or fuel blend comprises at least 30% w/w of a Fischer-Tropsch derived gas oil.

10. (Previously Presented) The diesel fuel composition of claim 9 further comprising a detergent.

11. (Previously Presented) The diesel fuel composition of claim 9 wherein the amount of the Fischer-Tropsch derived gas oil used in the fuel composition is 10% w/w or greater